# 2019 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Drinking Water Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency 2. Fiscal Year

Environmental Protection Agency 2019

3. Committee or Subcommittee 3b. GSA Committee No.

National Drinking Water Advisory Council 163

4. Is this New During Fiscal 5. Current 6. Expected Renewal 7. Expected Term

Year? Charter Date Date

No 12/09/2018 12/09/2020

8a. Was Terminated During 8b. Specific Termination 8c. Actual Term

FiscalYear? Authority Date

No

9. Agency Recommendation for Next10a. Legislation Reg to 10b. Legislation

FiscalYear Terminate? Pending?

Continue No Not Applicable

**11. Establishment Authority** Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment 13. Effective 14. Committee 14c.

Authority Date Type Presidential?

42 U.S.C. 300 j5 12/16/1974 Continuing No

15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue Advisory Board

**16a. Total Number of** No Reports for this

**Reports** FiscalYear

17a. Open 0 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 0

**Meetings and Dates** 

No Meetings

	Current FY I	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00

### 20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The National Drinking Water Advisory Council (NDWAC) is a Federal Advisory Committee that supports EPA in performing its duties and responsibilities related to the national drinking water program. The Council was created on December 16, 1974, through a provision in the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974. FY 2018: The Council did not meet.

#### 20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The National Drinking Water Advisory Council (NDWAC) is authorized under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), which includes a provision on the composition of the membership of the Council as well. NDWAC is to have five (5) members from the general public, five (5) from interest groups and organizations and five (5) members from state and local interests. Included in the statute is a requirement that two (2) of the 15 members must represent the drinking water concerns of small drinking water systems. The Agency also seeks to ensure geographic diversity.

## 20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

In FY 2018, the Council did not meet. Since the enactment of the 1996 SDWA Amendments, NDWAC has provided indispensable input into EPA's standard setting, regulatory development, and program implementation activities mandated by the SDWA, as amended. As the EPA completes these statutory mandates, the NDWAC is working closely with EPA to develop and shape future efforts that will ensure the Nation's public health protection through safe drinking water.

## 20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

Early involvement of the Council provides an excellent forum for the EPA to discuss and receive stakeholder input on policy, regulatory, and program implementation issues/concerns. Moreover, the Council is an opportunity for fostering consensus advice and recommendations from a balanced and diverse group of experts in the drinking water community who may not reach agreement without working together within the structure of the NDWAC. To reach an appropriate position on difficult and controversial issues, the NDWAC organizes meetings so that all sides of an issue/concern are taken into consideration and recommendations reflect consensus.

**20e.** Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings? No meetings were closed or partially closed.

#### 21. Remarks

All members are Tier 1 (parent committee members). There are no Tier 2 (subcommittee) members serving.

## **Designated Federal Officer**

Tracey M. Ward Designated Federal Officer, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Alley, William	09/22/2014	12/15/2019	Tier 1, Director of Science and Technology, National Ground Water Association, San Diego, CA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Chischilly, Ann-Marie	12/30/2015	12/15/2018	Tier 1, Executive Director, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Christian, Marilyn	07/25/2013	12/15/2018	Tier 1, Manager, Environmental Health Programs, Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services, Pasadena, TX	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lewis, Carrie	09/22/2014	12/15/2019	Tier 1, General Manager, Portland Water District, Portland, ME	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
McCauley, James	05/31/2015	12/15/2018	Tier 1, Manager, Lower Brule Rural Water System, Lower Brule, SD	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Melton, Wilmer	09/22/2014	12/15/2019	Tier 1, Director of Public Works, City of Kannapolis, Kannapolis, NC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Moore, Randy	09/29/2014	12/15/2019	Tier 1, President, Iowa American Water Company, Davenport, IA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Neukrug, Howard	07/25/2013	12/15/2018	Tier 1, Principal, CASE Environmental LLC, Philadelphia, PA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Pillsbury, Sarah	09/22/2014	12/15/2019	Tier 1, Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau Administrator, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Concord, NH	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Salzman, James	12/30/2015	12/15/2018	Tier 1, Professor, Bren School of Environmental Science and Management, Santa Barbara, CA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Swallow, June	09/22/2017	12/15/2019	Tier 1, Chief, Rhode Island Department of Health, Providence, RI	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 11** 

#### **Narrative Description**

Background Information: The National Drinking Water Advisory Council (NDWAC) is a Federal Advisory Committee that supports EPA in performing its duties and responsibilities related to the national drinking water program. The Council was created on December 16, 1974, through a provision in the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974. NDWAC provides advice, information, and recommendations on matters related to

activities, functions, policies, and regulations required by the Safe Drinking Water Act. In FY 2018, did not meet.

what are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee				
	Checked if Applies			
Improvements to health or safety	✓			
Trust in government				
Major policy changes				
Advance in scientific research				
Effective grant making				
Improved service delivery				
Increased customer satisfaction				
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	✓			
Other				
Outcome Comments				
What are the cost savings associated with this committee?				
	Checked if Applies			
None				
Unable to Determine	✓			
Under \$100,000				
\$100,000 - \$500,000				
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000				
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000				
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000				
Over \$10,000,000				
Cost Savings Other				
Cost Savings Comments				
N/A				
What is the approximate <u>Number</u> of recommendations produced for the life of the committee? 85	by this committee			

## **Number of Recommendations Comments**

The Council did not issue any recommendations in FY 2018.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency? $0\%$					
Realistically, we are unable to provide a real number over the 35 year history of the Council. The Agency considers all recommendations made and implements them as possible. However, in some cases the Administration may disagree with the Council and/or the regulatory process guides the final action. Additionally, EPA may not be able to respond due to resource constraints.					
What is the approximate <u>Percentage</u> of these recommendations that have been or will be <u>Partially</u> implemented by the agency?					
% of Recommendations <u>Partially</u> Implemented Comments N/A					
Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?  Yes No Not Applicable					
Agency Feedback Comments  The agency provides a written response to the committee's recommendations.					
What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?					
Checked if Applies					
Reorganized Priorities  Reallocated resources					
Issued new regulation					
Proposed legislation					
Approved grants or other payments  Other					

## **Action Comments**

N/A

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?					
<b>Grant Review Comments</b> N/A					
How is access provided to the information for the Committee's do	cumentation?				
	Checked if Applies				
Contact DFO	✓				
Online Agency Web Site	✓				
Online Committee Web Site	✓				
Online GSA FACA Web Site	✓				
Publications	✓				
Other					
Access Comments N/A					